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Dear Mr. Wickenberg,

Many thanks for your letter of June 19th.

I did read with great interest the New York Times article on the lack of fertility of jungle soil. This idea has been expressed before. I have, however, seen myself a very large cultivation of pepper in Southern Para State developed by the Japanese which seemed quite successful. I do believe that Brazil's development will largely take place in the non-Amazonian areas. They are concerned with the lack of population in the Amazon areas and I believe their efforts are really directed at "Brazilianizing" the area.

Again, many thanks.

Faithfully,

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